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Lotte Lehmann
Hope Ranch Park
Santa Barbara, California

17. Dezember, 1950.

Lieber, verehrter Henri Temianka,

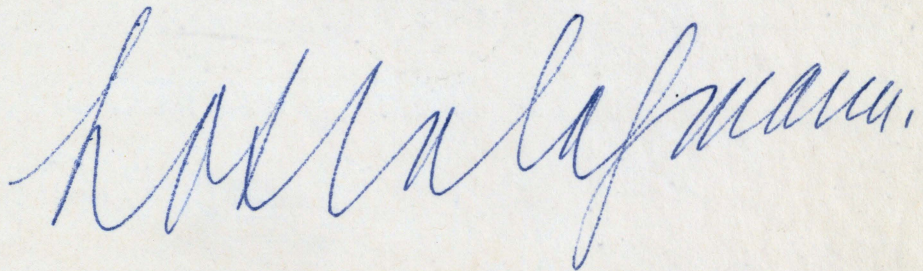
Danke vielmals fuer Ihre guten Wuen-
sche, die ich auf's Herzlichste erwidere.

Ich habe mich **sehr** gefreut, dass Sie mir schrieben, denn ich habe ein furchtbar schlechtes Ge-
wissen, dass ich nicht in Ihr Konzert gekommen bin in Santa
Barbara. Bitte verstehen Sie die Situation: Dies ist wirk-
lich eine "Kleinstadt", und wenn ich in ein Konzert gehe,
so habe ich das Gefuehl, dass ich in alle Konzerte gehen
muss, um nicht als parteiisch angesehen zu werden und viel-
leicht junge Kuenstler zu verletzen, die mich so oft bitten,
in ihre Konzerte zu kommen. Meine Freundin Frances Holden
und ich leben hier ausserordentlich zurueckgezogen, stehen
mit der Sonne auf und gehen mit den Huehnern zu Bett... Da
ist es immer eine Anstrengung und ein grosses Ereignis fuer
uns, abends auszugehen. Dann ist noch eine dritte Entschul-
digung da: wir hatten am naechsten Morgen nach Ihrem Kon-
zert eine fruehzeitige und wichtige Sache zu erledigen. Alle
diese Gruende verhinderten uns, Ihr Konzert zu besuchen.
Ich bedauerte sehr, dass Sie unserem Maedchen nicht gesagt
hatten am Telephon, ~~on~~ welchem Hotel Sie abgestiegen sind,
sodass ich Sie wenigstens haette anrufen koennen, als wir
heimkamen.

Im Januar gehe ich nach New York und bin
jetzt sehr beschaeftigt mit Programm-Vorbereitung, wenn aber
im Fruhjahr Ihr Weg Sie nach Santa Barbara fuehrt, wuerde ich
mich sehr freuen, wenn Sie uns besuchen wuerden. Ich erinnere
mich mit grossem Vergnuegen Ihrer grossen Kuenstlerschaft
und liebenswuerdigen Persoenlichkeit.

Mit vielen schoenen Gruessen und Wuenschen

bin ich Ihre



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Thank you very much for your good wishes, which I reciprocate most cordially. I rejoiced that you wrote to me, because I have a terribly bad conscience for not having come to your concert in Santa Barbara. This is really a "small town", and when I go to one concert, I have the feeling that I have to go to all concerts, in order not to be perceived as being partial and wound the feelings of young artists, who so often ask that I go to their concerts. My friend Frances Holden and I live here in an extraordinarily withdrawn manner, getting up with the sun and going to bed with the chickens... Thus it is always an effort and a big event for us to go out at night. Then I have a third excuse: the next morning after your concert we had to take care of a very early and important matter. All of these reasons prevented us from coming to your concert. I regretted very much that you didn't tell our maid on the telephone in which hotel you are staying, so that I could at least have telephoned you when we came home.

In January I go to New York, and am at present very occupied with the preparation of the program, but if, in the spring, your road should bring you to Santa Barbara, I would be very happy if you would come and see us. I remember with great joy your great artistry and your lovely personality.

With many good greetings and wishes
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